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SUBJECT: NEW CANADIAN DCM AT NATO

REF: USNATO 4088

1. REFTEL REPORTS THAT NEW CANADIAN DCM AT NATO WILL BE
TERRENCE C. BACON REPLACING JACQUES S. ROY.

2. BACON IS CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER BORN IN PRINCETON,
BRITISH COLUMBIA AUGUST 8, 1932, HE RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE
FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN 1961 AFTER SERVING
FOR SIX YEARS WITH THE CANADIAN AIR FORCE (FROM 52-58). UPON
GRADUATION FROM LAW SCHOOL HE JOINED EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND IN 1962
WAS POSTED AS THIRD SECRETARY IN ACCRA. IN 1964 HE WAS ASSIGNED
TO THE AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN DIVISION IN EXTAFF IN OTTAWA
AND IN 1967 HE WAS POSTED IN LONDON AS SECOND SECRETARY AND THEN
AS FIRST SECRETARY. IN 1970 HE RETURNED TO OTTAWA TO WORK IN
THE LEGAL OPERATIONS DIVISION. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER
KATHRYN LEE AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.

3. AT ONE TIME SEVERAL EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD FAIRLY
EXTENSIVE RELATIONS WITH BACON SINCE HE WAS INVOLVED
IN VARIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE PLAYED
A ROLE IN THE GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT
AND IN JOINT MARINE POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANS NEGOTIATIONS.

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HE WAS A TOUGH BUT FRIENDLY NEGOTIATOR. HIS POSITION WAS

OFTEN STRONGLY NATIONALISTIC ALTHOUGH COOPERATIVE AND IN
NO WAY ANTI-AMERICAN. USNATO SHOULD FIND HIM FRIENDLY COLLEAGUE
AND A STRONG SPOKESMAN FOR CANADIAN INTERESTS.
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